

THE WEEK'S DOINGS

Jersey dairy butter for sale. Mrs. Hattie Stanfield. Phone 183-J.

Baled alfalfa, 75c. per 100 lbs., \$12.50 per ton. Special prices on car load lots. Bennett Bros.

L. McLaughlin and N. E. Woodhouse have been doing jury duty here this week. They returned today to their homes in Glens Ferry.

Lecturer Harry Scriver has been driving solid truths home at the Congregational Church this week. The meetings have been exceptionally well attended.

The Ladies Aid of the Congregational church are planning for an excellent New Year party, December 31, at the spacious residence of the president, Mrs. L. L. Spring.

"John Henry on Christmas Presents" is the title of a two-column skit to be found on no other page of this paper. Those who read it will have to admit it is a laugh-producer.

As delegates to the "Older Boys' Conference" to be held at Ontario, Oregon, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, the Congregational Young Men's S. S. class taught by Mr. Thompson, sends six young men, Purdy Eaton, Herbert Davis, Fayette and Will Bach, Leo Spring and Richard Tyler.

The Ladies Aid society of the Congregational church will hold a cooked food, candy and flower sale at the office of the Idaho Power & Light company, Thursday, December 23. Sale begins at 2:30 p. m. Leave orders with Mrs. L. L. Spring or Mrs. C. H. Stewart.

Perhaps never before in the business history of Mountain Home has a firm published such an extended list of prices as that shown in the big advertisement of the Ontario Cash store in another page of this paper. This store is offering groceries at reduced prices.

Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Taylor have moved here from Glens Ferry and taken up their abode in the Fitzwater residence. Mr. Taylor, who is a barber, has purchased the half interest of Frank Ottenheimer in the barber shop on Front street and will continue in the business with C. A. Rathbun.

Shop early. The early shopper catches the best values and gets the finest assortment to choose from. One is able thus to examine and choose leisurely and comfortably the presents that are to be given, instead of being hurried and flurried as are those who wait until the last moment to do their shopping.

F. H. Barrett returned this morning from Portland to which place he went last week to attend the golden wedding anniversary of his parents. Joseph Barrett will remain till the latter part of the week. In contrast to the weather this section is having Frank states that it rained every one of the several days he was in Portland.

In its page adv. in this issue the Golden Rule store announces that Old Saint Nick is to be at their store on Christmas eve ready to distribute gift packages to the worthy ones. The adv. explains how easy it is to become worthy. Manager Pratt of the Golden Rule has this year made greater preparations than ever before to take care of the holiday trade, and his announcement is worthy of perusal.

On Wednesday of this week there was celebrated in Portland, Oregon the golden wedding anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Barrett, long time residents of the coast country and parents of Joseph C. and Frank H. Barrett of this place, both of whom made the trip to Portland to be present on the occasion. Their brother, A. F. Barrett, of Hollister, arrived here Saturday to accompany them on the trip. At Nampa they were joined by another brother, L. C. Barrett, a former resident of Mountain Home.

B. Z. Smith, who has legions of friends in this community, removed to Hill City some time ago, and there established a barber shop. That Birt has had time to unpack at least a portion of his collection of curios is evident from the following item in the Hill City News: "When a stranger steps into Birt Smith's barber shop he imagines he is in some part of the Tammen curio store in Denver. Aside from being one of the most popular places in town, his shop is unique in that it has a wonderful collection of mounted birds, big game heads and a display of antique guns and relics that would warm the heart of a connoisseur. Besides this Mr. Smith has a fine mineral collection and owns a number of valuable properties in com-

pany with others, is a barber and a gentleman whom it is a pleasure to meet."

Mr. and Mrs. Stanton Park and Mrs. Chris Hendricks, Jr., made a trip to Boise early in the week.

Frank Englehart returned Wednesday from Hagerman valley where he finished a contract for plastering a residence.

R. C. Massey of Boise is in the city today on his way home from Grandview where he has been to look after his farming interests.

Court has been in session during all of the week. A number of veniremen from various parts of the county have been called for jury duty.

Baled Hay for sale, by the load, ton, or car load. Bennett Bros. See us for baled hay. We can furnish any quantity at lowest market prices. Bennett Bros.

Court opened Monday with a jury panel summoned to try criminal and civil cases. The criminal cases were disposed of during the week. Several civil cases were tried during the week but a number are yet to be heard.

Mrs. Nina Pool Thompson, with her baby daughter, came over from Boise last week and is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Pool.

The work of building a vault in the rear room of the Stockgrowers State bank building was commenced this morning. The construction of the vault was made necessary by the purchase of the Stockgrowers bank by the First National Bank of this place. The First National will occupy the Stockgrowers' building, and Cashier Austin expects to be moved by the first of next week.

Manager Dolling of the Mountain States Co. made an auto trip to Bennett postoffice to establish a pay phone station, which was placed in the Baker house for the convenience of Contractor Sam A. Forter, who will make his headquarters there until he completes his contract for concreting the tunnels on the irrigation system. The road is now broken so that automobiles can get into the Dixie country.

Photographer Helm says his studio is a busy institution these days but that he is not too busy to make appointments for portraits for the Christmas season. Says Helm: "Orders received before Dec. 13 will be completed by Dec. 18; orders received before Dec. 18 will be completed by Dec. 22; but don't wait till the last minute." Helm is human, like the rest of us; he can work only about sixteen hours a day.

C. E. Johnson returned Tuesday from a trip to Buhl. From that place on Monday he drove to Castleford on Snake river to present a bid for the construction of some large ranch buildings that are soon to be erected on the property of a retired eastern publisher. Mr. Johnson states that Buhl apparently is enjoying great prosperity. The greatest contributing cause was the splendid crop of clover and alfalfa seed raised by the farmers in that section this year, and for which they have received several hundred thousand dollars.

Mrs. Emmett Thompson and daughter, Miss Susie, left yesterday for their old home in Tarkio, Mo., where Mr. Thompson has been employed for nearly a year. They have long been valued residents of Mountain Home and will be missed by their friends. It is their present intention to return here early in the spring at which time they expect Mr. Thompson will accompany them. The Thompson residence will be occupied during their absence by Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Argo, have come here from Boise to live.

R. Lew Wallace is a guest at the Mountain Home on a visit to his friends and former companion, R. J. Newell, the engineer employed by the village to make the surveys for the sewer system which has been constructed this fall. In far-off China, in the province of Shensi, these gentlemen were co-workers as engineers in the service of the Red Cross, and later with the Standard Oil company. In their call at this office the gentlemen presented the personal cards which they used in China, with their names and occupations in Chinese characters on the reverse side. They are still undeciphered.

From the first number given by the Scriver-Farris lecturers at the Congregational church last Sunday night the attendance throughout the week has been highly satisfactory to the promoters of the course. Startling at times, but always cogent and with apparent sincerity, Harry Scriver the ablest lecturer that has appeared in Mountain Home for some time, hurled his budget of truths and opinions at his hearers, who listened with eagerness to his discourses.

The course will conclude this evening when Mr. Scriver will deliver his lecture, "The World's Greatest Portrait." Twice this week Mr. Scriver talked to the students of the public school and last night he delivered a short address at the meeting of the Development League, after his regular appearance at the church. The afternoon meetings conducted by Mrs. Farris were well attended and have been an inspiration to many. Lecturers appear in Boise the coming week.

Let us figure on your hay bill. We can save you money. Bennett Bros.

Don't forget the basket ball game next Friday evening at the gymnasium. A big contest is in sight, for the town team is going to tear into the high school boys. It is promised.

The suit of John W. Caldwell vs. the Village of Mountain Home and thirteen others, including the present members of the village board, occupied the attention of Judge Bothwell in district court yesterday afternoon and evening. The action brought to stop the construction of the sewer on which work has been progressing for some time and to prevent the issuance of bonds in payment therefor. Argument was heard on the demurrer of the defendants, which was presented by Attorney J. G. Watts.

This morning Judge Bothwell rendered a decision sustaining the contention of the defendants. W. C. Howie, attorney for the plaintiff, at once gave notice of an appeal of the case to the supreme court.

BANKS CONSOLIDATE

First National Acquires Business of Stockgrowers State Bank.

Announcement is made today of the most important financial transaction that has taken place in local business circles this year. The First National Bank a number of weeks ago purchased the business and banking house of the Stockgrowers State Bank, at which time application was made to the comptroller of currency at the national capital for an increase in the capital stock of the First National. The certificate granting the increase was issued on December 4 and was received by the First National officials this week.

The capital stock authorized by the certificate is \$100,000 with a surplus of \$25,000. The former capital stock was \$25,000. The Stockgrowers had a capital stock of \$50,000.

The merging of these two banks makes the First National one of the strongest banking houses in southern Idaho and is a move that will result in economy of operation with disadvantages to no one. The assets of the combined banks make a total of \$783,000.

The First National, it was learned today, will move to the building so long occupied by the Stockgrowers, and it is the intention of the bank's officials to begin business in the new location next Monday.

For the present there will be no change in officers or in the personnel of the bank's employees. F. E. Austin, who has served the First National efficiently as cashier for the past six years, will remain in that capacity. James T. Whitson, for several years the obliging cashier of the stockgrowers, will become assistant cashier of the enlarged bank. A. F. Anderson and John B. Chaffin will retain their positions in the bank.

Borah Declines Use of Name.

Washington.—Senator Borah of Idaho has declined to permit the use of his name in the Minnesota presidential primary, reasserting that he is not a candidate for the presidential nomination next year and does not wish to be drawn into the contest. He received many telegrams from republican friends and admirers in Minnesota urging him to consent to the circulation of petitions to place his name on the ballot.

Hann's Jubilee Singers at the Standard Theatre, Dec. 22.

Under the auspices of the Episcopal Young Ladies club Hann's Jubilee Singers will appear at the Standard theatre on the night of December 22. This will be the musical event of the season.

Daughters of Veterans Entertain.

The National Alliance Daughters of Veterans, Francis E. Willard Tent No. 1, will celebrate the 30th anniversary of the birthday of the order on Tuesday, December 16, at 8:30 p. m.

This organization was formed to perpetuate the memories of our fathers, veterans of the civil war, and in remembrance of their loyalty to the Union and their sacrifice for its preservation; to keep alive the memory of those who participated in that heroic struggle for the maintenance of our government.

Our mission is to spread widely the teachings of patriotism, that those

who dwell in this broad land of ours will so live that, in peace or in war, there shall be no stain on "the Flag our fathers saved."

Our duty is to inculcate a love of country and patriotism and to promote equal rights and universal liberty.

Our privilege: "To aid the Union veterans of the civil war, and their widows and orphans when helpless and in distress, and to assist those in our order who are worthy and needy."

Come and help the good cause. There will be an enjoyable program of music, songs and readings. A war tax lunch will be a novel feature of the entertainment, so come with a good appetite. Announcement of place will be made on the screen at the Crystal Theatre.

BESSIE CHILDS, Sec'y.

Portland Stock Market.

Requiring the fair apportionment of moneys received from the sale of timber on forest reserves, so that Portland, Ore., Dec. 6.—There being no choice stuff offered today, the real strength of the market could not be ascribed. Top steers, however, are quoted at \$7.25. A few cows brought \$5.50. Today's run was more liberal than for some time.

Over 7,000 hogs were on the market. Prices were maintained and trading was active throughout the day. Quality was somewhat better and buyers were more liberal than usual. Tops brought \$6.00, bulk at \$5.95.

Sixteen hundred head were received for today's market and buyers were eager to buy at slightly advanced prices. Lambs again brought \$7.50, after a weakness in the market for a couple of weeks, all other classes remain steady.

IDAHO DELEGATION BUSY IN CONGRESS

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attractive. In this connection it is known that Secretary Lane and the reclamation commission have been working for several weeks on a plan to raise more money for financing irrigation work, but they have not yet reached a conclusion.

Senator Borah also will reintroduce his bill authorizing the state of Idaho to exchange its school lands in forest reserves for compact bodies of forest reserve lands. If this bill is enacted the state will be able to carry through the exchange which has long been in contemplation, but which has been blocked because the interior department holds it cannot complete the exchange without congressional authority.

During the past summer, Senator Borah made a trip over the Sawtooth country, and in consequence of that trip will introduce a bill creating the Sawtooth National park. The project is well understood in Idaho.

Another bill by Senator Borah extends the enlarged homestead bill providing that homesteaders under the non-residence clause may live anywhere within the state, provided they are able to improve their land as required by law. As the law now stands, these homesteaders must live within 20 miles of their land.

Again Senator Borah will try to amend the cultivation clause of the homestead law by providing that in lieu of cultivation, homesteaders may establish good faith by making permanent improvements on their land to the extent of \$1.50 per acre each year.

He also will reintroduce his bill prohibiting senators and representatives acting as attorneys in any case in which the United States government is an interested party.

Representative Addison Smith has drawn and will introduce a new bill to take care of Carey act entrymen on irrigation projects that have not been supplied with water, either because of the failure of the project or because of the lack of water supply. This bill will provide that when the land goes back to the public domain, the entryman shall have preference right to enter it under the enlarged homestead law; that is, each entryman will have preference right to the tract on which he had settled under the Carey act.

Another bill will provide for the organization of irrigation districts on the public domain, so that promoters will have a lien on the property for the water purchased. The details of this bill have not yet been worked out. Under such a bill Mr. Smith believes irrigation projects could be financed, for he proposes to provide means whereby they get assurance that their money will be safeguarded.

Representative Smith also will reintroduce a number of bills which he had before the last congress but which failed to receive consideration. Among them are the following:

Creating the Sawtooth National park. Authorizing the erection of public

buildings at Blackfoot, Caldwell, Welser and Hailey.

Granting a tract of public lands to the state of Idaho to aid in public road construction.

Establishing a fish cultural station in Idaho.

To establish land courts.

The reclamation loan bill.

To construct armored cars for the use of the army.

Providing for the drainage of Indian lands in Bonner county.

Authorizing the loaning of postal savings funds to farmers.

Extending the provisions of the public land laws to minors over 18 years of age.

Providing better pay for rural carriers.

Authorizing the construction of a highway through the Targhee forest reservation.

For the relief of the University of Idaho.

Representative McCracken intends to go slow about the introduction of bills. He has drawn a comprehensive bill, however, designed to greatly increase the supply of water for irrigation all along the Snake river for the benefit of settlers on existing projects, and with a view to providing sufficient additional water for new projects. This bill will authorize the construction of four reservoirs along Snake river, for which it will make appropriations as follows: Swan valley reservoir, three hundred thousand dollars; Teton reservoir, one million dollars; Island Park reservoir, one million dollars; and Henry lake reservoir, one hundred thousand dollars.

This same bill will authorize an appropriation of two hundred thousand dollars for the purchase of portions of the townsite of American Falls, looking to the construction of a dam above the falls which will impound sufficient water to augment the supply in the Snake river below, and give additional power facilities on the Minidoka project and more water for the interior section of the country.

Another bill by Mr. McCracken appropriates fifteen thousand dollars for use with a like amount appropriated by the state for the construction of a road from Ashton to the west boundary of the Yellowstone national forest park.

If the river and harbor bill, when reported, does not make due provision for improving the Snake river, Mr. McCracken will offer amendments to that bill designed to give Lewiston continuous water communication with the Columbia river.

A number of bills fathered in the last congress by Representative French will be reintroduced this session by one or more members of the present delegation. Among those bills are the following:

Authorizing the erection of public buildings at Nampa, Payette and Grangeville.

To erect schoolhouses for the Indians at Kootenai valley.

To establish a mining experiment station at Moscow.

Increasing the pension of Indian war veterans.

To pay rural carriers for injuries received while on duty.

To sell land in the Coeur d'Alene reservation to the University of Idaho.

To complete the survey of public lands in Idaho.

To exchange state school lands in forest reserves for compact tracts of government forest land.

For the relief of star route carriers.

Granting fifty thousand acres of public land to the University of Idaho.



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